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EXDIS: FOR AMBASSADOR BENNETT

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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR BENNETT'S MEETING WITH SYG ON CYPRUS

1. WE UNDERSTAND WALDHEIM HAS ASKED TO TALK WITH YOU ABOUT THE CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS BEFORE HE LEAVES LATE THIS WEEK FOR EUROPE, AND WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR MAKING THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. DESPITE THE VERY REAL DIFFICULTIES, WE BELIEVE IT ESSENTIAL THAT THE SECRETARY-GENERAL CONVENE A NEW ROUND OF INTER-COMMUNAL TALKS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE ARE FULLY AWARE OF THE PARTIES' UNWILLINGNESS TO FACE UP TO THE CRITICAL ISSUES, BUT BELIEVE THEY MUST NOT BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO AVOID THE HARD DECISIONS THAT MUST PRECEDE A PERMANENT SETTLEMENT. SYG'S CONTINUED PERSONAL ENGAGEMENT IS ESSENTIAL SINCE NO VIABLE NEGOTIATING FORUM EXISTS OTHER THAN THE NEGOTIATIONS

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UNDER HIS GOOD OFFICES.

B. AS TO TIMING, WE BELIEVE THAT TALKS SHOULD RESUME IF AT ALL POSSIBLE BEFORE THE COLOMBO NAM CONFERENCE BEGINNING AUGUST 16. IT SEEMS INEVITABLE THAT CYPRUS-CONNECTED POLEMICS AT COLOMBO WILL SOUR THE ATMOSPHERE FOR SOME TIME AFTER THE CONFERENCE.

C. WALDHEIM MAY ASK ABOUT SECRETARY'S OFFER TO TRY TO OBTAIN INITIAL MAPS FROM THE PARTIES. IF HE DOES, YOU SHOULD SAY THAT GREEK GOVT AGREED TO PRESENT A MAP ON CONDITION THAT TURKS DID TOO. ANKARA, HOWEVER, TOLD US IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT FOR TURKISH SIDE TO PRODUCE A MAP AT THIS STAGE, BUT WE ARE STILL AWAITING A DEFINITIVE ANSWER.

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